



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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For: NOVEL COMPOUNDS AND THERAPEUTIC USES THEREOF

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This paper is in reply to the Office Action dated April 14, 2006, which issued a restriction and election of species requirement for the present Application.

In response to the restriction requirement, the Applicant elects Group I, claims 1-10, drawn to compounds of formula (I) and compositions thereof.

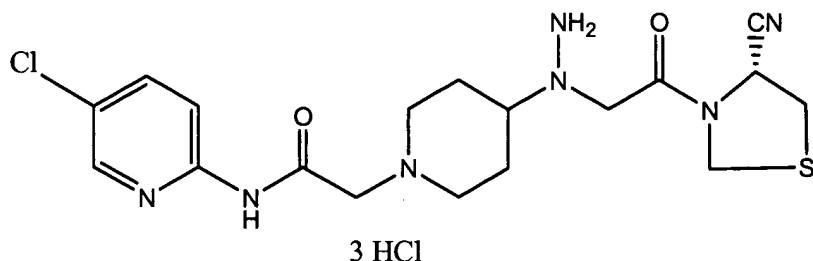
This election is being made without traverse, however, rejoinder of withdrawn claims is requested after an elected claim is found allowable.

With respect to the election of species requirement, the Applicant elects, without traverse, the compound: 3-[1-oxo-2-[1-(1-(2-oxo-2-(5-chloropyridin-2-yl)aminoethyl)piperidin-4-yl)]hydrazine]ethyl-4-cyanothiazolidine trihydrochloride.

The elected species is designated compound kkkkk in claim 3 and is exemplified in Example 117.

The structure of the elected species is:

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With respect to formula 1 of independent claim 1, the substituents of the elected species are (as also indicated in Table 1 of the specification): X is S; Z is O; n=1; R1, R2, R3, R5 and R6 are each H; k=1; and R4 is 4-piperidinyl (substituted heterocycloalkyl); wherein R4 is substituted by pyridine and wherein the pyridine is further substituted by chloro (R10 is halogen), and the substituent (pyridine on R4) is independently bridged by -CH₂(CO)NH-.

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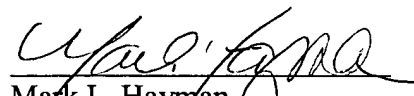
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